

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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MEDICAL FACILITIES AT CATASTROPHIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have adequate medical facilities in each and every hospital to meet the needs of people in the event of natural catastrophies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the steps being contemplated by the Government to meet the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) to(c): Major hospitals in the country have their disaster management plan. Emergency medical services are provided within their available resources. But in case of major natural calamities assistance is sought from outside to tide over the crisis.

During pre-monsoon period every year a contingency plan is sent from the Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India to all the States and UTs. with detailed guidelines for preparedness and successful management medical relief in case of flood, drought and other natural calamities.

During any natural calamity, on the request of the State Government medicines and other accessories are sent on credit payment from the Central Government Medical Stores to tide over the crisis. During major calamities medical teams from Central Government hospitals of Delhi are deputed to the affected sites to assist the State Health authorities in rendering emergency medical relief.

During post catastrophe period public health experts from National Institute of Communicable Disease and National Anti Malaria Programme are sent for surveillance and monitoring of the public health measures being taken by the State Health authorities to prevent out break of any disease in an epidemic form. They also advise the State Health authorities regarding the measures required to be taken to prevent any out break.